

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

No, purpose/need

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☒ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☒ Other: FORESTRY

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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Depending on routing could impact  
native prairie propagation, rare  
calcareous fen, organic livestock  
crop & produce leased land.  
Wilson Twp. Sec. 34, Wiscos Twp. Sec. 3, 4, 9, 10

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

all are important. I grow up in  
a farmhouse bedroom within 50 yards  
(closest residence in miles) from Dairyland-  
Xcel East-West line @ Wilson/Wiscos twp.  
border - the corridor affects everything.

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation, wetlands, and agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by July 25, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? WINONA, MN FORUM 6/29/09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ ① Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ ② Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ ⑤ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ ④ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ ③ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ ⑥ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

# ①, ⑤, ② in much greater detail. The "Driftless Brevegia" has no need for "imported power", especially with easily attained 25% conservation efforts. The Kilowatts are destined for the big footprints (carbon) out East.

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Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.